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## PRESIDENT REPLIES TO PEACE MESSAGE FROM THE VATICAN

Diplomatic Circles Here Agog  
Over Answer to Communica-  
tion Mgr. Bonzano Delivered.

NO DEFINITE SUGGESTIONS

Wilson Fails to Bring Forward  
Any Actual Plan to End War,  
But Interest Is High.

President Wilson has sent a formal  
reply to Pope Benedict's so-called  
"peace message."  
Although it is denied in official circles  
that either the communication from the  
Vatican or the reply of the President  
makes any definite suggestion looking  
to a move by the United States to bring  
about an end of the war in Europe, an  
announcement that the reply had gone  
created widespread interest in diplo-  
matic circles here.

For more than a week the Diplomatic  
Corps has been agog with gossip con-  
cerning the prospects of an early peace,  
and reports have been coming from the  
Vatican that the subject is being discussed  
with more or less seriousness among the  
war lords.

Delegate Delivered Message.

The message from the Pope was de-  
livered to the President by Monsignor  
Bonzano, the apostolic delegate in  
Washington, on the day following the  
receipt of Germany's answer to the  
neutrality ultimatum of the United States  
on the submarine question.

According to officials it did not direct-  
ly suggest any action by the United States  
by way of renewing its offer of media-  
tion to the belligerent powers, but ex-  
pressed the hope that the President  
would be able to keep the United States  
out of the war, in order that this country  
might fulfill its destiny of being the  
power that might bring about peace.

Germany's answer as pointed out by  
The Times on the day it was received,  
appeared to have been purposely dic-  
tated in part with a view to leading the  
President to believe that Germany would  
welcome a renewal of President Wilson's  
efforts to restore peace.

Willing To End War.

Exploring the possibility that the subma-  
rine controversy might involve the  
two countries and thus spread the  
flames of the devastating war, the Ger-  
man note went on to remind the Presi-  
dent that Germany has twice within  
the last few months signified its willing-  
ness to end the war on the basis of a  
full recognition of the territorial in-  
tegrity of the countries at war.

In his reply to the Pope which was  
delivered to Monsignor Bonzano by  
special messenger last Monday night,  
the President for his part expresses the  
hope that the United States will not be  
drawn into the war and thus have im-  
paired its prospects of being in position  
to lead the world to peace. It is declared  
that the President did not directly inform  
the Pope that he was willing to act at  
this time.

The White House itself refuses to  
make any comment on the correspondence,  
regarding it as confidential and not  
available for publication.

Vatican Has Acted.

In diplomatic circles it was learned  
that within the last few days neutral  
diplomats here have received from their  
respective foreign offices information  
to the effect that the Vatican has been  
seeking to bring about peace on the basis  
of a view to having the United States  
make peace overtures to the belligerents.  
The information goes so far as to say that  
it has been suggested that some of the  
Peace Commissioners should be Leon  
Bourgeois for France, Lord Hardinge  
for Great Britain, and Prince von Bulow  
for Germany.

The President is known to have before  
him at this time copies of a speech on  
peace, regarding it as confidential and  
not available for publication.

Folcaire of France, and an interview  
on the same subject given to the news-  
paper by Sir Edward Grey, the British  
minister for foreign affairs, will be de-  
clared in Administration circles, how-  
ever, that while the President is follow-  
ing the question very closely, there have  
been no definite developments which  
would justify him in renewing the media-  
tion overtures made by him at the out-  
set of the war.

It is declared that the President would  
not consider a direct appeal to the war-  
ring powers unless it was accompanied  
by a willingness to be approached on the  
subject.

May Urge President  
To Act to Bring Peace

LAKE MOHONK, N. Y., May 17.—  
Possibility that the twenty-second  
annual Lake Mohonk conference on  
international arbitration will discuss the  
desirability of taking steps toward bring-  
ing about peace was intimated today at  
the conference.

The idea is strengthened by the call-  
ing of a meeting of the American  
branch of the central organization for  
a durable peace to be held here to-  
morrow.

Some of the members of the durable  
peace organization are: Jane Adams,  
Hamilton Holt, Dr. Frederick L. Lusk,  
Fannie Fern Andrews, Oscar S. Straus,  
David Starr Jordan, and Congressman  
Myer London of New York.

President Will Attend  
Mecklenburg Celebration

President Wilson will leave Washing-  
ton Friday night for Charlotte, N. C., to  
deliver an address Saturday at the celebra-  
tion commemorating signing of the  
Declaration of Mecklenburg. Saturday  
morning he will review an industrial  
parade. Mrs. Wilson and Dr. Cary T.  
Grayson will accompany him.

Key Sculptor Chosen.

C. E. Niehaus, New Rochelle, N. Y.,  
sculptor, and E. V. Warren, Brooklyn,  
architect, were today awarded  
first prize and acceptance of their de-  
sign for the Francis Scott Key monu-  
ment to be erected at Baltimore, Md.

## ATTEMPT TO SHOW RIGGS MEN ACTED ONLY AS INDIVIDUALS

Counsel for Defense Vigorously  
Cross-Examines Flatler on  
Stand.

SCORES IN BARRING SLIP

In a grilling cross-examination of  
Edwin D. Flatler, summoned as a witness  
by the prosecution in the perjury  
trial of his brother, William J. and  
Henry H. Flatler, and Charles C.  
Glover, officers of the Riggs National  
Bank, Attorney Frank J. Hogan, coun-  
sel for the defense, today made a vir-  
ginal attempt to show that the jury  
that the bank itself never bought nor  
sold stocks.

Much evidence was adduced by the  
prosecution through the examination of  
the witness showing that stocks had  
been bought and sold through officers  
of the bank for patrons trading with  
Lewis Johnson & Co.

From the beginning of his cross-ex-  
amination, Attorney Hogan directed his  
questions with the evident purpose of  
drawing from the witness declarations  
that in each of the documents intro-  
duced by the prosecution, the stock  
was either bought or sold for the ac-  
count of certain stocks, which the  
bank by officials of the institu-  
tion acting in their individual capacity.

Teller Flatler Recalled.

Edwin D. Flatler, exchange teller in  
the Riggs Bank, and a brother of two  
of the defendants, was asked to identify  
certain ledger sheets from the bank's  
books when he took the stand again  
today.

Mr. Flatler identified entries relating  
to accounts, known in the trial of the  
case as the A. C. Babcock, C. S. Taylor  
Julke, Lieut. Col. Chauncey M. Baker,  
G. D. Duncan, and other entries.

Intermittent exchanges over the in-  
troduction of these entries, and of the  
introduction of papers relating to the  
sale and purchase of stocks between  
counsel marked the entire morning ses-  
sion.

Attorneys for the defense scored a point  
shortly before the noon recess when  
Justice Siddons ruled against the ad-  
missibility of a slip showing an order  
for the sale of stocks, which the wit-  
ness acknowledged was in his hand  
writing and had been signed by him.

Attorneys for the prosecution seemed  
very anxious to have this slip intro-  
duced. Counsel for the defense vigor-  
ously objected on the ground that the  
witness was not qualified to testify to  
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GERMANS LOSE ON  
DOTH MEUSE BANKS

Grenade Attacks At Dead Man's  
Hill and Near Thiaumont Are  
Repulsed.

LONDON, May 17.—British  
destroyers and monitors en-  
gaged German destroyers in  
a short fight off the Belgian  
coast yesterday, the admiralty  
announced this afternoon. The  
Germans withdrew. The British  
suffered no losses.

PARIS, May 17.—German attempts to  
drive forward their lines northwest of  
Verdun, near Dead Man's Hill, by a  
grenade assault failed completely, the  
war office announced.

A similar attempt by the Germans was  
defeated on the east bank of the Meuse  
northwest of Thiaumont.

Artillery on both sides was very ac-  
tive on the right bank of the Meuse  
last night.

During the night, two raiding French  
squadrons flew over the German lines.  
One squadron dropped seventy shells on  
bivouacs and railways and the other  
dropped 100 shells on the sheds at the  
Meuse station.

Near Vic-sur-Aisne, a French flyer  
brought down a German airman.

BERLIN, May 17.—A French attack  
on the southern slope of Hill 34, north-  
west of Verdun, broke down under Ger-  
man military fire, it is officially an-  
nounced.

Heavy artillery actions occurred last  
night on both banks of the Meuse.

30,000 Turks Withdrawn  
To Meet Russ Advance

LONDON, May 17.—Thirty thousand  
Lithuanian troops have been withdrawn  
from the British front east of Kut-  
el-Amara, presumably to meet the  
Russian advance on Bagdad, according  
to a dispatch received here today.

The Turks are recruiting all native  
tribesmen capable of bearing arms  
and moving them northward to the  
defense of Mosul. Prolongation of the  
Tigris floods has made it possible for  
the Turks to strip their lines  
around Kut-el-Amara without fear  
of an immediate British advance.

In diplomatic circles here, it is be-  
lieved that the Russians, after massing  
formidable forces, are striking  
swiftly against the Turks, acting on  
the theory that the war will come to  
an end within a few months.

With Turkish territory more than  
twice as large as all European Turkey  
in their possession, it is pointed  
out here, the Slavs will be in a posi-  
tion to bargain for the return of Rus-  
sian territory held by the Austro-  
Germans, during peace negotiations,  
if the battle lines on the Riga-Bu-  
kovina front remain unchanged.

Dutch Steamer Sunk,  
Four Lives Are Lost

GREAT YARMOUTH, England, May  
17.—The Dutch steamer Batavier V.  
bound from London to Rotterdam, was  
blown up Tuesday with the loss of  
four lives.

## PENSIONS - BUREAU EMPLOYEES TOLD 67 ARE TO BE DROPPED

Commissioner Notifies Workers  
Action Must Be Taken Be-  
cause of New Law.

EXPRESSES DEEP SORROW

Commissioner of Pensions Saltzgeber  
has served notice upon the employes  
of his bureau that sixty-seven places  
are to be dropped from the rolls July 1.  
This notice has caused much heart  
burning and unrest in the bureau, he  
says.

An arbitrary cut in force is provided  
by law and the Commissioner is pow-  
erless, he says, to continue the rolls  
above the number provided.

Acting on the knowledge that a cut  
would be necessary July 1, the Com-  
missioner has saved all vacancies that  
occurred in the bureau.

As a result 67 vacancies have been  
held open during the year.

This means that only 25 employes will  
be dismissed. This number will prob-  
ably be slightly further cut by re-  
ignations or death.

Commissioner Saltzgeber stated today  
that every effort has been made to find  
places for those who must be dropped  
in the other departments and bureaus of  
the government here.

These efforts have met with little suc-  
cess because other offices have de-  
clined to take the older employes and  
have not had salaries available that  
were high enough to attract the younger  
ones.

Third Cut In Three Years.

The cut in the Pension force July  
1, will be the third in the last three  
years. Congress abolished 145 positions  
July 1, 1914, and 93 positions July 1,  
1915.

Commissioner Saltzgeber and other  
Administration officials protested  
further reduction at this time, but  
the legislative bill wiped out 67 posi-  
tions.

The Commissioner believes the cut will  
work hardship on a number of deserv-  
ing employes who have given their lives  
to the Government service, and he  
frankly decries the day of reckoning  
for them.

Out in the number of places on the  
Pension Office rolls has been made by  
the Pension Office, and the bill, passed  
Congress on the ground of diminishing  
work with diminution of the pension  
of the pension rolls through deaths.

Many Apartment Houses and  
Residences Robbed During  
Two Weeks Here.

An epidemic of apartment house  
and residence robbery has been rag-  
ing in Washington for the last two  
weeks.

Although the police have made sev-  
eral arrests in connection with the  
many burglaries, each day brings  
fresh reports of thefts, so that the  
local authorities do not believe the  
depredations are committed by any  
one criminal.

The latest of the apartment house ro-  
beries, reported this morning, is the  
theft of \$30 in cash from the apartment  
of Mrs. Anna Coulter, 1438 Meridian  
street northwest. A duplicate key was  
used to gain entrance some time yester-  
day afternoon.

One of the boldest robberies in the ap-  
artment was that in the apart-  
ment of Mrs. Lelch Palmer, the Dres-  
den, on May 10. On that date Mrs. Pal-  
mer's maid surprised a well-dressed young  
man in one of the bedrooms of the  
flat. When she asked what he wanted,  
he declared that he had called to see  
Mrs. Palmer. He made his escape with  
a pocketbook containing a small sum  
of money.

A man giving his name as Albert B.  
Hutchinson, twenty-seven years old, of  
1500 Fifteenth street, was later arrested  
by Detectives Springfield and Hewlett  
and charged with the offense. He has  
been held for the grand jury.

Other apartments entered during the  
past two weeks include the home of  
Lieut. John A. Gray, U. S. N., the Decatur  
or May 16, when jewelry valued at  
\$200 was taken, and that of  
Simon Wolf, 1918 Eighteenth street,  
on May 13, when two watches, valued at  
\$50, disappeared.

Appam Case May Go  
To Highest Court

State Department Would Like Su-  
preme Tribunal to Settle Deli-  
cate Prize Question.

NORFOLK, Va., May 17.—There will  
be no wild dash by the Appam to sea  
should the judge's decision on the case  
at Norfolk, expected shortly, give the  
vessel to the British. Instead, there  
will be a proaic appeal to the Supreme  
Court.

The Appam's prize crew numbers only  
twenty-two men, including officers. In  
addition there are seven Germans re-  
leased from captivity when the Appam  
was taken. The men would not be able  
to run the vessel, was said today.

The \$700,000 obtained when the Appam  
was captured was auctioned probably will  
go to the victorious side in the dispute.  
This money is held by the court.

The State Department, it is under-  
stood here, wants to see an appeal taken  
to the high court, to settle for all time  
the delicate prize question.

## CASEMENT AND AIDE HEARD FOR TRIAL ON CHARGE OF TREASON

Defense Rests After Crown Has  
Concluded Its Case, and  
Quick Decision Is Made.

BOTH TO GO TO HIGH COURT

Irish Rebel, If Convicted, Will Be  
Given Privilege of Being  
Hanged By Silk Cord.

LONDON, May 17.—Sir Roger Case-  
ment and Daniel Bailey were committed  
for formal trial on charges of high trea-  
son by Sir John Dickinson, presiding  
magistrate, at the conclusion of the  
preliminary hearing this afternoon.

Both Sir Roger and his soldier con-  
federate will now go to trial for their  
lives in the high court of justice. If  
convicted they probably will be sen-  
tenced to death. Caseiment being given  
the privilege accorded his rank of being  
hanged with a silk cord.

The magistrate's decision was an-  
nounced after the crown, at a brief ses-  
sion today, had completed the frame-  
work of its case against the two ac-  
cused men. Counsel for Caseiment and  
Bailey, during the three days of the  
preliminary hearing, contended them-  
selves chiefly with cross-examining wit-  
nesses for the crown, reserving their  
actual defense for the trial later.

The nature of Caseiment's defense is  
still a mystery.

Counsel for Bailey will attempt to  
show that the former Irish soldier knew  
nothing of the character of the under-  
taking upon which he embarked in a  
German U-boat, and speedily informed  
British authorities of the plans to for-  
mulate a rebellion when he landed on the  
Irish coast.

Maps found in the possession of Sir  
Roger Caseiment support the conten-  
tion that the plans for the Irish rebellion  
originated in the German war office,  
and that Sir Roger was an office intelli-  
gence department, testified today.

Crowd At Court.

A large crowd surrounded Bow street  
police court when the preliminary hear-  
ing was resumed today. Caseiment, more  
calm than on the preceding days of  
the trial, listened intently while the  
British intelligence officer testified.

Gordon said he had examined maps  
of Ireland carried by Caseiment when  
he landed from a German submarine,  
and that none of them was printed in  
Britain.

They gave certain details as to land-  
scape that showed they had been made  
under the direction of the German war  
office, and thus supported the belief  
that the German government played an  
important part in the scheme for the  
rebellion.

Second Lieutenant Prendergast, of the war  
office, testified to the previous good re-  
cord of Bailey, Caseiment's confederate,  
while serving in an Irish regiment.

Russian Called In.

Col. Nicolas Beliaev, representing the  
Russian war office in London, was called  
to the witness box and asked to  
explain a rifle of Russian manufacture  
taken from the hold of the German  
auxiliary Aud, which accompanied Sir  
Roger on his expedition to Ireland, and  
Colonel Beliaev said the rifle was of  
the type of 1895. A scabbard and bullet  
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Conferees Report  
Out Fake 'Ad' Bill

Expect It Will Be Passed in Form  
Agreed to, With Few  
Changes.

Conferees of the House and Senate on  
the bill to prevent fraudulent adver-  
tising in the District of Columbia have  
agreed and have submitted their report.  
The expectation is that the bill will be  
passed in the form agreed to in con-  
ference.

The bill as agreed to, omits the word  
"fraudulent," in connection with the  
prohibition against advertising with  
"purpose to deceive, mislead, or in-  
duce" a loan on property or investment  
in real estate.

The House used the word "fraud-  
ulent" in its bill, but the Senate struck  
it out. The conference report omits the  
word, but strengthens the bill by  
the same word is omitted as applied  
to "intent or purpose to deceive" as  
minor nature.

Veterans of South  
Pledge Aid to U. S.

Confederate Soldiers Offer Prop-  
erty and Their Sons on  
Country's Altar.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 17.—The  
bent human remnants of "The Flower  
of the South," which in '61 sought to  
build another nation, today offered  
"themselves, their sons and their prop-  
erty upon the altar of a reunited coun-  
try in this hour of great international  
difficulties." The offer was made in a  
resolution unanimously adopted at to-  
day's sessions of the twenty-sixth an-  
nual reunion of Confederate Veterans.

The faltering old soldiers showed a  
flash of their former fighting spirit  
when with tumultuous cheering they  
passed the resolution, together with  
another recommending that every male  
fifteen over sixteen years in the nation  
be urged to wear a badge of "which we  
love and seek to serve, protect and  
defend." He required to report im-  
mediately to the nearest probate  
judge and swear allegiance to the Gov-  
ernment, pledging his support.

Washington, D. C., today appeared to  
be leading in the contest for the next  
union.

## ARMED MEN GUARD OLD DOMINION LINE AS FEW CARS RUN

Strikers Prepare to Invoke Clay-  
ton Law to Have Injunction  
Against Them Dissolved.

PROTEST AGAINST GUARDS

Crandall Mackey Will Ask Judge  
Thornton to Revoke Detec-  
tives' Commissions.

While thirty armed detectives guard-  
ed the property of the Washington and  
Old Dominion Railway today, the com-  
pany operated a few cars over its lines,  
and the strikers who tied up the system  
Friday were preparing to invoke the  
Clayton anti-trust law to have the Su-  
preme Court of the District dissolve an  
injunction against them.

Crandall Mackey, attorney for the  
strikers, announced this afternoon that  
efforts would be made to have Judge  
Thornton, of Fairfax, Va., revoke the  
commissions issued to the thirty de-  
tectives.

Attorney Mackey to day received a  
telegram from Governor Stuart, in  
which the latter disavowed any con-  
nection with the swearing in of the  
detectives. Judge Thornton, informed  
Attorney Mackey that at the time he  
swore in the detectives he was informed  
governor Stuart had ordered them  
commissioned for anti-gang service.

Baldwin-Feltz Men.

The thirty men are employees of the  
Baldwin-Feltz agency in Roanoke.  
Many of them participated in the strike  
trouble in Colorado and also helped  
the Allen outlaw gang in the mountains  
of Virginia several years ago.

The District Supreme Court will be  
asked by the strikers to dissolve the  
injunction "not because it hurts the  
men, but because it is a reflection on  
the honor of the State," said Attorney  
Mackey. He said the Clayton law pro-  
hibits the granting of injunctions to one party  
before the other party has been served  
with notice.

Attorney Mackey also cited a number  
of other alleged violations of the Clayton  
act by the granting of the injunction  
on behalf of the strikers, and without  
affidavits to support the hearing.

The Baldwin-Feltz detectives clashed  
with soldiers from Fort Myer on Guard  
Street, Va., last night, and serious  
trouble between the military men and  
armed civilians was narrowly averted.

Jeer Strike Breakers.

The strikers, however, made no  
demonstration other than to hoot and  
jeer the strike breakers when two cars  
went over the line last night. A few  
cars were operated today.

One of the armed detectives exhibited  
his revolver at the south end of the  
Aqueduct bridge last night, and Cor-  
poral Frederick Miller, on duty there,  
attempted to disarm him. The detec-  
tive was taken into custody by the  
soldier and turned over to United States  
Marshal Stephen Beach, but several  
other detectives rescued him and took  
him to the company's barn in Roanoke.

Meanwhile, the commandant at Fort  
Myer was advised of the trouble in  
Roanoke and rushed a relief detach-  
ment of ten men in charge of Sergt.  
Charles Miller, to the scene.

Soldiers On Duty.

The guard of ten men remained in  
Roanoke all night and ten other men  
relieved them early this morning.  
Ordinarily the Roanoke guard is com-  
posed of two men, but the Fort Myer  
officers will keep ten men there until  
quiet has been restored.

Several prominent residents of Al-  
exandria county, including Com-  
monwealth's Attorney Francis B.  
Crandall Mackey, former Common-  
wealth's attorney, W. E. Weaver, edi-  
tor of the county paper, H. F. Fiehl,  
Thomas, a notary, and H. F. Fiehl,  
sheriff of the county, telegraphed to  
Governor Stuart last night protesting  
against swearing in of armed de-  
tectives and vouching for the good be-  
havior and character of the strikers.

Plans for Freer Art  
Gallery Are Drawn

Secretary Walcott to Submit Them  
To Smithsonian Board of  
Regents.

Plans for the million-dollar gallery  
at Twelfth and B streets, to house  
the art collection of Charles A. Freer  
are in the hands of Charles D. Wal-  
cott, Secretary of the Smithsonian  
Institution.

The plans were drawn by Charles A.  
Platt, of New York. They will be  
submitted to a committee of the  
Smithsonian board of regents within  
a few days. Mr. Walcott declines to  
give any indication of the character  
of the building before the regents ac-  
tually act upon them.

As soon as the plans are approved,  
it is understood, Mr. Freer con-  
templated going ahead with the erec-  
tion of the gallery. He will then present  
a collection of works of art now  
in his Detroit home, to the City of  
Washington as the nucleus for the  
National Gallery of Art, already  
started in the New National Museum.

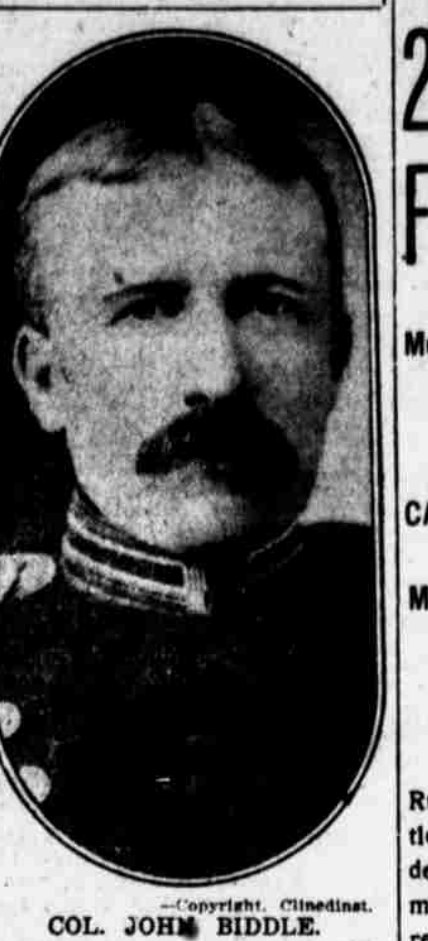
AGREE ON THE DATE  
FOR BRANDEIS VOTE

Senate Judiciary Committee to  
Take Action in One Week.

The Senate Judiciary Committee today  
decided to dispose of the nomination of  
Louis D. Brandeis for justice of the  
supreme court one week from today.  
A vote will be taken on that date.

The expectation is that the committee  
will either make an unfavorable report  
or that it will report without recom-  
mendation.

Former Commissioner,  
Who Goes to West Point



COL. JOHN BIDDLE.

## COL. BIDDLE TO RULE MILITARY ACADEMY

Former Engineer Commissioner  
of District Appointed to Suc-  
ceed Colonel Townsend.

Col. John Biddle, U. S. A., Engineer  
Corps, stationed at Baltimore, was today  
appointed superintendent of the West  
Point Military Academy to succeed  
Colonel Townsend, July 1.

Colonel Biddle is widely known in  
military and civil circles in Washington,  
having served as Engineer Commissioner  
of the District from 1904 to 1907. His six-  
year term is the longest any army officer  
ever served as Commissioner of the  
District.

Colonel Biddle graduated from West  
Point in 1881, and was commissioned  
second lieutenant in the Engineer Corps.  
Two years later, June 1, 1883, he was  
promoted to first lieutenant, and was  
commissioned captain October 1, 1893.

May 5, 1898, he was made lieutenant  
colonel and chief engineer U. S. Vol-  
unteers, and was discharged from the  
volunteer service on May 12, 1899. On  
April 30, 1901, he was elevated to the  
rank of major in the regular army, and  
the next day he took up his duties as  
Engineer Commissioner of the District  
in which capacity he served until May  
2, 1907. Leaving Washington, Major  
Biddle went to San Francisco, where he  
took charge of river and harbor im-  
provements, and continued in service  
there until 1911, when he was made a  
colonel and transferred to the War De-  
partment.

Colonel Biddle served in Cuba, Porto  
Rico, and the Philippines, and has an  
enviable record at the War Depart-  
ment for engineering feats during the  
campaigns on those islands.

Cruiser Grounded;  
Crew Not Injured

San Francisco Goes Ashore on the  
Middle of Nantucket Shoals,

Radio Reports State.

BOSTON, May 17.—Driven by the ter-  
rific gale which swept the New En-  
gland coast early today, the United States  
cruiser San Francisco, Captain Belknap  
commanding, grounded on the middle of  
Nantucket shoals at 3 a. m., according  
to radio reports reaching the navy yard  
here.